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Performance Audit

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Office of Career and Technical Preparation

Michigan Department of Career Development

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The Office of Career and Technical Preparation (OCTP) is responsible for administration of the federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 and Section 61 of the State School Aid Act. The Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Tech Prep Programs are offered under these acts. "Vocational-technical education" is defined as organized educational programs offering courses directly related to preparing individuals for further education and for careers in current or emerging occupations requiring other than a baccalaureate or advanced degree.

Audit Objectives:

1. To assess OCTP's efforts to evaluate the effectiveness of the CTE and Tech Prep Programs.
2. To assess the effectiveness of OCTP's monitoring and oversight of the school district CTE and Tech Prep programs.
3. To assess the appropriateness of OCTP's allocation of State and federal funds for the CTE and Tech Prep Programs.

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Audit Conclusions:

1. OCTP was somewhat effective in evaluating the effectiveness of the CTE and Tech Prep Programs.
2. OCTP was not effective in monitoring the school district CTE and Tech Prep programs but was generally effective in providing other oversight.

3. OCTP's allocation of State and federal funds was generally appropriate for the CTE and Tech Prep Programs.

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Material Condition:

OCTP had not established a comprehensive monitoring process to help ensure that the school district CTE and Tech Prep programs operated in compliance with program requirements (Finding 3).

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Other Conditions:

OCTP had not established performance standards pertaining to specific CTE program-related placements and analyzed available program-related placement data to evaluate the effectiveness of specific CTE programs on a Statewide and individual school district basis (Finding 1).

OCTP should improve its processes for evaluating CTE and Tech Prep Program effectiveness (Finding 2).

OCTP did not perform added cost audits of school district CTE programs to provide reasonable assurance that financial and pupil count data was accurate. Also, OCTP did not follow up on exceptions or questionable items identified in school district Career and Technical Educational Expenditure Reports to ensure that the districts' reported corrective actions were appropriate. (Finding 4)

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Agency Response:

Our report contains 4 findings and 5 corresponding recommendations. The Michigan Department of Career Development's preliminary response indicated that it agreed with all of the findings and that it has taken or will take steps to comply with all of the recommendations.

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